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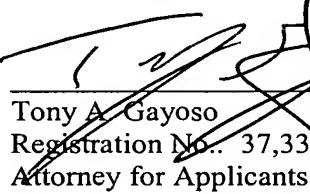
Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application. Applicants have amended claims 3, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, and 22 in order to remove multiple dependencies and reference numerals. Accordingly, no additional fees should be assessed because of filing multiple dependent claims. Applicants believe that the claims as amended are now in proper form for examination.

In addition, Applicants have added section headings to the specification, as well as a claim of priority to the European patent application and incorporated by reference both the International Application and the priority European patent application.

No new subject matter has been introduced as a result of this Amendment.

In view of the foregoing submission, examination of the present application on the merits is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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